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"The security of our ports in a post 9/11 environment is vital to keep our country safe. It is important that port operations are taken over by U.S. personnel as soon as possible, and it is the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey that is making the demands that are delaying the sale.

"Port Newark is in the 13th Congressional District, and I, like Senator Menendez before me, will do everything possible to keep it safe.

"Dubai Ports World should be able to finalize the sale of its port operations in 6 major cities in the United States without having to negotiate the payment \$84 million with The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

"While the sale should be fair, negotiations have gone on for a considerable amount of time; and the additional Port Authority money demand should not have become an obstacle. I call on The Port Authority to expedite negotiations so that our country's port operations are regarded as some of the safest in the world."